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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

RE: THE CLAIM AMENDMENT

Claim 22 has been amended to delete an unnecessary limitation.

Clearly, no new matter has been added, and no new issues with respect to patentability have been raised which would require additional consideration on the merits and/or a new search. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the amendments to claim 22 be approved and entered under 37 CFR 1.116.

RE: THE OBVIOUSNESS-TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTIONS


Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to commonly owned USP 6,603,932 in order to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 11-31. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,


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